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1. Source states India called the Conference for the purpose of extending her political and economic influence throughout Southeast Asia. In his opinion speeches by Nehru and other Indian delegates evidenced India's intention to further her economic exploitation of Southeast Asia. [REDACTED] says he learned "that Nehru was already under the influence of big Indian industrialists".

2. At the Conference source felt the Chinese delegates went out of their way to 'woo' the Siamese and other Southeast Asia delegates. When talking with the Siamese, the Chinese spoke in glowing terms of Sino-Siamese relations, refraining from mentioning the recent Siamese restrictions on Chinese immigration or other past anti-Chinese actions by Siam.

3. According to source, the Southeast Asia delegates felt a political and economic federation of Southeast Asia should be formed as a bulwark against Chinese and Indian ambitions in that area. He says the leaders of these countries are most anxious to know the attitude of the United States and Great Britain towards such a federation before its final organization is undertaken. [REDACTED] feels the United States would be in favor of such a plan, but that Great Britain would strongly oppose it.

4. Plans are now under way for a cultural organization which will lay the groundwork for an eventual political federation.

5. [REDACTED] Burmese endorsement of the proposed federation was very encouraging.

Note: For previous information on the Southeast Asia Federation see [REDACTED]

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